

## LABOR'S LEGISLATURE

ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERATION CONVENTION COMPLETED.

Nearly 200 Resolutions Presented Yesterday Covering a Large Variety of Subjects.

SPEECHES BY FOREIGNERS

SOCIALISM ADVOCATED BY TILLET, THE BRITISH DELEGATE.

Attitude of the Carpenters Explained by Frank Chandler-Chinese Labor in Canada.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 7.—The American Federation of Labor, which has been in session here for three days, completed its organization to-day and the real work of the convention will begin on Monday. The last of the contested seat cases were settled at the morning session. The official roll of the Federation shows the presence of 312 delegates, the largest number in the history of the organization. During the past two days 197 resolutions were presented for consideration by the convention, and all of them were referred to committees. The committees will hold sessions to-morrow because of the enormous amount of business to be disposed of, and it is not unlikely that some of the resolutions will be reported to the convention on Monday.

The morning session was given up to the completion of organization and in the afternoon the British fraternal delegates addressed the convention on the trade union condition in Great Britain.

W. D. Mahon, of Detroit, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street-railway Employees, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, endorsing the strike of the local street-car Union against the Scranton Street-railway Company. The resolution also recommended that the executive council of the Federation give the strikers every possible aid. It is likely that the council will make a substantial appropriation. The men have been on strike for ten weeks. The company is running cars regularly with non-union men, but the union is not patronizing the company to any extent.

Among the large number of resolutions presented to-day were several relating to the vital question of trade jurisdiction. Other important resolutions introduced were these: Asking for an appropriation of \$5,000 to aid the San Francisco Iron Workers; increasing the dues of the national organizations 15 per cent.; and, also, increasing the salary of the president from \$120 to \$200 per month; of the secretary from \$150 to \$200 per month; demanding municipal, state and government ownership of railroads, telegraph lines, etc.; asking workmen to aid in the acquisition of the power of the government for the purpose of nationalizing industrial combinations; demanding the organization of an independent political party; protesting against ship subsidy legislation; expressing sympathy with the Boers; for the establishment of Socialism; increasing the number of vice presidents of the Federation from six to eight; providing for the organization of labor federations in Tennessee and Pennsylvania; to financially aid the woolen mill workers of Knoxville, Tenn.; and the carriage and wagon workers of Cincinnati, O.; providing for the organization of school teachers; requesting workmen to hold a general strike; and, endorsing the Swiss military system. Frank Chandler, of the Amalgamated Association of Carpenters and Joiners, who is here as one of the fraternal delegates from Great Britain, was introduced at the opening of the afternoon session. He reviewed the labor conditions as they now prevail in the British Islands. He said his association organized in the year 1833, thirty-three years ago, and efforts had been made in certain localities to have its members join the more advanced Carpenters. He pleaded with the delegates not to force the Amalgamated members to do this or they would sacrifice much if they took such action. Mr. Chandler feelingly referred to the situation of President McKinley and said the bond between the American and English people is so strong that "poisoners and intriguers could not break it."

Benjamin Tillet, of the British Trades Union Congress, made an address, advocating socialism. Mr. Tillet held the attention of the delegates for an hour and a half. He said that the danger of doing more for labor than any other is the intellectual force of socialism. He emphasized the importance of the more advanced Carpenters. He pleaded with the delegates not to force the Amalgamated members to do this or they would sacrifice much if they took such action. Mr. Chandler feelingly referred to the situation of President McKinley and said the bond between the American and English people is so strong that "poisoners and intriguers could not break it."

President Gompers replied to the foreign delegates on behalf of the delegates. He addressed also were Miss Harriet Keyser, of the Church League, for the advancement of the colored people, and labor, and Mrs. Julia Llewellyn, organizer of the Women's International Labor League.

Must Admit Inspectors.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 7.—The women inspectors appointed by the state commissioner of labor have been denied admittance to a number of factories in the State and the question of their admission is being referred to the attorney general for an opinion as to the legal rights of such inspectors. The attorney general holds that a refusal on the part of the owners of factories to admit the inspectors is a violation of the state law to permit the commissioner of labor statistics or any other person to enter a factory or establishment for the purpose of ascertaining the employment bureau to issue the establishment, even during working hours, to gather such statistics as may be required by law and he may, on conviction, be fined a sum from \$50 to \$100.

Labor Union at San Juan.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 7.—At a meeting held here last night under the auspices of Santiago Iglesias the Federation Libre, having five hundred members, approved the constitution of the American Federation of Labor and received President Gompers' diploma from Iglesias. This is the first labor organization of this island to join the American Federation of Labor and marks the beginning of a new movement here. A big mass meeting has been called for Dec. 15, when efforts will be made to bring other San Juan unions into the Federation.

Switchmen Lose Their Strike.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7.—All Pittsburgh railroads that were affected by the strike of the switchmen now have the full number of crews at work and the officials say that so far as they are concerned the strike is over and that the most trouble and inconvenience there has been is at an end. The officials of the switchmen's organization assert that all the men who went out on the general strike order have remained loyal, and they say they will keep up the fight.

Employers Charged with Conspiracy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Justice Prindle today issued warrants for the arrest of W. J. Chalmers and Henry Penton, of the Adams-Chalmers Co., charging them with conspiracy.

## OPERATOR BLAMED.

Fatal Railway Collision Due to Failure to Deliver Orders.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 7.—A head-on collision between heavily loaded freight trains on the Chesapeake & Ohio shortly before last midnight resulted in the death of two men, Fireman W. E. Meader, of the west-bound train, and an unknown tramp. A brakeman of the same train was fatally scalded and burned, being caught between the engine and tender. Engineer Smith was cut and bruised. The collision occurred between Nuttall and Fayette stations, and it is said that a telegraph operator forgetting to deliver his orders, both engines were almost demolished and a number of cars were derailed. About three hours were required to clear the tracks so that trains could pass. The trainmen all lived at Hinton.

WANT ELECTION POSTPONED.

Maso's Supporters Send a Representative from Cuba to Washington.

HAVANA, Dec. 7.—Senator Pierra Fidel left Havana to-day for Washington to present to the authorities there the grievances of the supporters of General Maso as a candidate for the presidency of Cuba. One of the complaints he will make is that the central board of elections, which he composed exclusively of Senator Estrada Palma's friends, are not complying with the laws. Secretary Root, he is asked to appoint a new board, with a Maso representation, and a request will be made that the elections be postponed until Jan. 31 in order that the asked for reforms may be brought about.

MRS. ELIZABETH HOWE DALE WILL TESTIFY

WILL TELL THE STORY OF HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH AT THE CORONER'S INQUEST AT HOBOKEN, N. J.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Subpoena were served to-day on persons whose evidence is necessary at the inquest into the death of Emmeline Dale, the five-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Howe Dale, at Hoboken, N. J. Among those who were summoned were Mrs. Elizabeth Howe Dale, the child's mother, who is suspected of having poisoned the little one; Dr. Kudlich, who attended Emmeline; Albert Waller, Mrs. Dale's friend; employees of the hotel at which Mrs. Dale was staying; and detectives who have worked on the case. Mrs. Dale, who is still in the hospital under guard, expresses satisfaction that she is to have an opportunity to tell the story of her daughter's death.

ROBBED INDUSTRY PROSPERS.

Three Men Break Into a Bank and Carry Off About \$2,000.

DELTA, O., Dec. 7.—Three robbers broke into the bank of the Archibald Banking Company, at Archibald, this county, last night, and secured about \$2,000 in gold and currency. The bank vault contained only a small chest, which was destroyed. After the robbery the thieves stole a horse and buggy and fled. John Hoffmayer, a resident of the town, received a slight wound in the forehead while he was in the bank. A posse from Fulton, Williams and Henry counties is in pursuit of the robbers and it is believed they have escaped into Michigan.

Six Men Arrested.

LOVELAND, O., Dec. 7.—Six men were arrested last night, suspected of being implicated in the robbery of the Baltimore & Ohio station at Wilmington, last Thursday night. Operator Halm, who was bound and gagged at the time, arrived here this morning and positively identified the men. The men had in their possession a miscellaneous assortment of articles supposed to have been stolen from the station. Several of the articles as having been stolen from his office. The men were run down by the Wilmington police and taken to the Clinton county and detectives of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Postoffice Safe Robbed.

ADRIAN, Mich., Dec. 7.—The safe of the postoffice at Ogden Center was robbed last night of \$40 by thieves who must have known the combination of the lock. The funds of the local Old Folks, the G. A. R. post and the Woman's Relief Corps were in the safe and were stolen.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

American Federation to Begin to Hold a Convention This Week.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 7.—Final arrangements were completed to-night for the convention here next week of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, which begins on Tuesday and continues three days. The last committee to be appointed to-night was that on reception, which includes most of the prominent Catholics of this city and others. All of the auxiliary committees that have been appointed heretofore made their final reports to-night to the general committee, showing that everything was in readiness for the reception of the delegates and the business of the convention.

Arrested for Selling Diseased Meat.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Frederick Hess, a butcher, and Otto Hock, his clerk, were arrested this morning by police officers charged with selling diseased meat. It is said they sold twenty-five infected hogs.

## IOWA STUDENTS FIRST

MADE THE BEST SHOWING AT THE LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION.

Indiana Sixth, with 3,312 5-6 Points—Close of the Show, Which 400,000 Persons Attended.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—It is estimated that 400,000 persons visited the International Livestock Exposition which closed here to-night. Pupils of the public schools were given free admission to the grounds to-day and nearly every school of the city was represented among the thousands of spectators.

A few of the exhibits were shipped out to-night, including the Canadian representatives, but the greater proportion of the 15,000 animals will remain until Monday and the grounds will be open to spectators to-morrow. Four hundred cars will be required to transport the exhibits.

The judging of exhibits in all the live animal classes was concluded to-day, but it was necessary to postpone the judging of the beef carcasses until Monday, the carcasses not having cooled sufficiently for cutting into commercial sizes.

The awards in the intercollegiate students' livestock judging contest were announced to-day, Iowa being awarded the sweep trophy and Grand Champion, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and North Dakota being placed in the order named. The grand total of averages by points follows: Iowa, 3,756 points; Grand Champion, 3,510; Illinois, 3,484; Michigan, 3,284; Wisconsin, 3,220 5-6; Indiana, 3,215 5-6; North Dakota, 2,825 2-3.

Christoph XI, the valuable Hereford belonging to Z. T. Kinsell, of Mount Airy, N. C., was secured by the Iowa students.

First Bill Signed by Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt to-day signed the first bill sent to him by Congress, thus creating the first law to be enacted under his administration. It was not to the tariff, as many people thought, but the transfer of foreign exhibits from the Pan-American Exposition to the South Atlantic Exposition and Industrial Exposition at Charleston, S. C.

Rear Admiral Sampson's Health.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—It is authoritatively stated that there has been no marked change for the worse in the condition of Rear Admiral R. T. Sampson. However, he is now, as he has been since he came to Washington, in very feeble health, and his chances for withstanding an arduous strain upon his vitality are said to be slight.

Movements of Rear Admirals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Navy Department has received cablegrams announcing the departure of Rear Admiral Remy aboard his flagship, Brooklyn, from Yokohama, for Kobe, Japan, and the arrival of Rear Admiral Schuchman aboard his flagship Chicago, at Genoa, Italy.

General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Frank M. Conser, of Ohio, now supervisor of Indian schools, has been appointed a special Indian agent.

Governor Yates, of Illinois, lunched with the President to-day, and it is understood, discussed with him the political situation in Illinois. Governor Yates said he was not surprised that the President had made his proclamation for the relief of the Boer women and children had any connection with his visit.

Three noncommissioned officers of the marine corps have successfully passed the examination for appointments as second lieutenants in that organization. They are Sergeant W. E. Non, Corporal E. H. Ellis and Sergeant J. A. Hughes.

General H. Roberts, Jr., will be nominated to succeed ex-Representative Wilson as postmaster at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Senator Dewey, who is to sail for Europe next Saturday night, gave a farewell dinner to his New York friends. Those present included President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, Governor Odell of New York, Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, Speaker Henderson and the entire New York delegation in Congress.

TRUST COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

Statement from the President of an Omaha Concern.

OMAHA, Dec. 7.—The directors of the Omaha Loan and Trust Company were in session to-night with Edward Butler, of Philadelphia, who represents the Eastern creditors of the institution. A U. Wiman, president of the company, was asked this afternoon as to the condition of the company's affairs. He said: "If real estate values were such that we could realize from property what it represents to us, there would be no question about the solvency of the company. The condition of the company is as uncertain as real estate values on outlying property have been for the past few years. The Omaha Loan and Trust Company was organized in 1885 with a capital stock of \$500,000, which was paid up."

Mr. Wiman said his business had been that of making loans on city property and farm lands and in the sixteen years it had been in business it had placed between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in real estate in the hands of the majority of cases it had made its own loans and then sold many mortgages to investors. The company's loans have all been made in Nebraska with the exception of many Missouri farm loans.

As to the nature of the company's liabilities Mr. Wiman said he was unable to speak with certainty, but would probably make a statement later. He said that some time ago it owed \$250,000 on the debt of the company, but that that amount had been somewhat reduced. The guarantors of the company's securities, it was said, also involved it to some extent. A large amount of the mortgage and farm loans have all been made in Nebraska with the exception of many Missouri farm loans.

The directors of the trust company are: A. U. Wiman, Guy C. Barton, E. W. Nash, J. H. Millard, W. W. Wallace, R. M. Morrison, J. C. O'Connell, J. H. Wiman, president, and his son, W. L. Wiman, is secretary and treasurer.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES.

Incorporation of a Company That Will Introduce a New System.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—To-day the first papers were sent to Springfield for the incorporation of the Automatic Electric Company, with a capital of \$200,000. It is to be a manufacturing company, to be the United States and the plant of the Strowger Automatic Telephone Exchange. The incorporators are Edwin W. Gearhart, James C. Law, Albert G. Wheeler, Jr., Thomas H. Watkins, Scranton, Pa.; Charles B. Eddy, Algonquin, N. M.; and J. S. Russell, of Chicago, bankers, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Russell & Co. have financed the Automatic Electric Company for the purpose of having in their control the manufacture of switchboard, telephone devices and the appliances for the same.

Telephone Company, which will install telephones in Chicago on the same plan as the Strowger Automatic Telephone Exchange. The company will be placed in an office and residence with a view to the business and to the use of it. A guarantee is given to each user that their cost per year shall not exceed \$1.00 for business and \$2.00 for residence. The small users pay nothing for the installation and the larger users pay nothing for the installation and the larger users pay nothing for the installation.

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